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1. FOLLOWING REPORT BY TRAIN COMMANDER, LT MICHAEL CAMPUS, ON BERGIN TO BREMERHAVEN TRAIN, 0130 HOURS, 13 MAY 59, "STAMPING ON INSIDE LEDGE OF OFFICE WINDOW, THE SOVIET OFFICER ASKED TO SEE THE CREW DOCUMENTS AND WHEN THEY WERE SHOWN, HE ASKED TO SEE THE IDENTITY DOCUMENTS OF ALL GERMANS WORKING ON THE TRAIN. WHEN I EXPRESSED MY SURPRISE AT THIS, THE SOVIET CAPTAIN SAID THIS WAS NOT HIS IDEA BUT HIS INSTRUCTIONS. WHEN I SHOWED CAPTAIN NIAMUSHIN THE IDENTITY DOCUMENTS OF THE THREE WEST GERMANS ABOARD THE TRAIN, HE INISISTED WE HAD MORE GERMANS THAN I HAD STATED. SEVERAL TIMES I ASSURED HIM OF THE ACCURACY OF MY COUNT UNTIL FINALLY HE BROUGHT UP THE NAMES OF THE EAST GERMAN CONDUCTOR, FIREMAN, AND ENGINEER, I TOLD HIM THAT THESE PEOPLE DID NOT COME UNDER MY SUPERVISION AND THAT I WAS NOT INVOLVED IN ANY SUCH REQUESTS CONCERNING THESE PEOPLE. HE SAID THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION ON MY RETURN TRIP."

2. ON RETURN TRIP, 0450, 13 MAY FRANKFURT TO BERLIN TRAIN, LT CAMPUS MADE FOLLOWING REPORT:

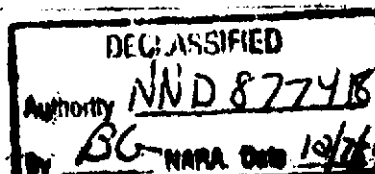
" STAMPING ON INSIDE LEDGE OF OFFICE WINDOW, THE SOVIET CAPTAIN REPEATED HIS EARLIER REQUESTS THAT I SHOULD PRESENT HIM WITH DOCUMENTS FOR ALL THE GERMANS WORKING ON THE TRAIN INCLUDING THE EAST GERMAN EMPLOYEES. AGAIN, I TOLD CAPTAIN,

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NAIMUSHIN THAT I WOULD SHOW HIM THE DOCUMENTS OF THE WEST GERMAN EMPLOYEES ON THE TRAIN BUT IN NO WAY INVOLVE MYSELF IN SUCH ACTIONS CONCERNING THE EAST GERMANS. HE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD BUT AGAIN REPEATED HIS REQUESTS."

3. THIS MESSAGE REGARDED UNCLASSIFIED 15 MAY 60."

TIMBERLAKE

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